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BELOW IS TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT
AFTERNOON APRIL 3. THE TEXT IS FOLLOWED BY Q'S AND A'S
FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES.

BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF ROMANIA SIGNED A TRADE AGREEMENT ON APRIL 2 IN
BUCHAREST. THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN BEHALF OF THE
UNITED STATES BY AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA HARRY G. BARNES.
IT IS THE FIRST SUCH AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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THE PROVISIONS REQUIRED UNDER THAT ACT, IT INCLUDES

MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR ROMANIAN GOODS EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES.

NEGOTIATIONS LEADING UP TO THE AGREEMENT BEGAN ON JANUARY 14, 1975 IN BUCHAREST. THE AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE FURTHER IMPETUS TO IMPROVED U.S.-ROMANIAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IT WILL FOSTER ADDITIONAL AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THE GROWING MARKETS OF ROMANIA, AND WILL REMOVE THE NON-MFN DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF ROMANIAN PRODUCTS IN THE U.S. MARKET. MFN FOR ROMANIA IS A GOAL WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PURSUED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND REPRESENTS A KEY TO FULL NORMALI-

ZATION OF U.S.-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THIS AGREEMENT WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL. END TEXT

Q'S AND A'S

Q: WHAT DOES THE CURRENT ROMANIAN-U.S. TRADE PICTURE LOOK LIKE IN TERMS OF FIGURES?

A: U.S. EXPORTS TO ROMANIA IN 1974 WERE \$277.8 MILLION AND U.S. IMPORTS FROM ROMANIA WERE \$130.5.

Q: WHAT OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE MFN?

A: POLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA.

Q: WHAT ASSURANCES ON EMIGRATION HAS THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED FROM ROMANIA?

A: THE PERTINENT DOCUMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AS THE LAW REQUIRES. LET ME ONLY FOR NOW REFER YOU TO THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA OF 1973. THE TWO LEADERS STATED "THEY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND GOOD WILL." WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT WHEN SUCH PROBLEMS ARISE THEY WILL BE SOLVED, ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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